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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TECH

SUBJ: PURPORTED SALE OFFER OF URANIUM-235

REF: KATHMANDU 4122

1. EMBASSY HAS NO RELEVANT BACKGROUND ON THIS MATTER. WE ARE MAKING DISCREET INQUIRIES ABOUT J.C. THAKUR AND WILL REPORT IF WE COME UP WITH NAY BACKGROUND ON HIM.

2. WE REPEATED REFTEL TO BOMBAY AND SUGGEST CONGEN AND AEC REP COMMENT DIRECTLY TO ABOVE ADDRESSEES IF THEY CAN PROVIDE ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT ON WHETHER WE SHOULD BRING THISOFFER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD DO SO. WE ARE CONFIDENT THE GOI WOULD NOT PERMIT OR FACILITATE SUCH A "SALE". IF U-235 HAS BEEN SMUGGLED FROM NUCLEAR POWER FACILITIES IN THE BOMBAY AREA, IT HAS ALMOST CERTAINLY BEEN STOLEN AND THE GOI SHOULD BE INFORMED. IN THE MORE LIKELY EVENT THAT THIS IS A CONFIDENCE GAME, THE GOI SHOULD STILL BE TOLD WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED WITH A SALE OFFER OF PURPORTED U-235 SMUGGLED FROM

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BOMBAY FACILITIES. WE BELIEVE THAT LEVELING WITH THE GOI ON THIS CASE

WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE ATMOSPHERE OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN WHICH
WE WOULD LIKE TO DEAL WITH THE INDIANS ON PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR
ENERGY.
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